

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION		
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School Policies and Procedures.ⁱ Each authorized charter school shall adopt written policies and procedures to:

- (1) Ensure safe and secure learning environments free of drugs, drug paraphernalia, violence and dangerous weapons; and
- (2) Impose swift, certain, and severe disciplinary sanctions on any student who:
 - (a) Brings a drug or a firearmⁱⁱ onto a school bus, onto school property or to any school event or activity; or
 - (b) While on a school bus, on school property or while attending any school event or activity:
 - i. Possesses a drug or firearm; or
 - ii. Assaults a teacher, administrator, or any other school employee.

It is the intent that any rule or policy designated as a zero tolerance policy means that violations of that rule or policy will not be tolerated, and that violators will receive certain and swift punishment. A zero tolerance violation shall not necessarily result in a presumptive one (1) calendar year expulsion except for those types of student misconduct set forth in state law.ⁱⁱⁱ It is the intent that the school shall retain responsibility for development of disciplinary policies and student codes of conduct including assurances that students are afforded fair due process procedures. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit assignment to an alternative school for those students under suspension or expulsion including students engaging in misconduct set forth in state law.³

Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, diminish, or supersede the Director of School's authority to modify expulsion on a case-by-case basis.^{3,iv}

At the beginning of fall classes each school year, the school shall provide students and their parents with written notification of the policies and procedures. Additionally, the school shall conspicuously post a summary of the policies and procedures within each school.¹

Annually, the school shall submit statistical information relative to zero tolerance violations to the Department of Education and the State Board by July 1 of each school year.

Gang Activity on School Property – Rules and Regulations.^v A school may adopt policies to prohibit the activities of criminal gangs on school property.

Safe Conditions for Learning. In order to maintain the conditions and atmosphere suitable for learning, no person shall enter onto school buses, or during school hours, enter upon the grounds

or into the buildings of any school, except students assigned to that bus or school, the staff of the school, parents of students and other persons with lawful and valid business on the bus or school premises. Any person improperly on the premises of a school shall depart on the request of the school leader or other authorized person.^{vi}

Legal References:

ⁱ T.C.A. § 49-6-4216

ⁱⁱ 18 U.S.C. § 921

ⁱⁱⁱ T.C.A § 49-6-3401(g)

^{iv} 20 U.S.C. § 8921

^v T.C.A. § 49-6-4215

^{vi} T.C.A. § 49-6-2008(a), (b)

Cross References:

Zero Tolerance 6309

Required Remands and Student Disciplinary Hearing
Authority 6317